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TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Export Notice 2006-4: Pre-Notification of Export Shipments to China

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The Government of China has announced new requirements associated with the export of meat and poultry shipments to that country. Effective January 1, 2007, establishments exporting meat and poultry products to China must provide China's Administration for Quality Standards, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) with advance e-mail notification of all scheduled shipments.

Exporting establishments should send notification messages to h_cert@ciq.org.cn containing the following information:

Export Certificate Number

• For "in lieu of" certificates, the entry should also reference the number of the original certificate

Export Certificate Date

The subject line on the message should read: U.S. Export Certificates.

It is the responsibility of the exporting establishment individual/entity identified in the consignor "Exported By" block of Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness, to assure that notification is provided. Exporters should coordinate closely with the exporting establishment to ensure that proper notification has been made. Notification must be received at the address provided above prior to arrival of the product in China. Under no circumstances should FSIS personnel provide notification on behalf of exporting establishments.

Notification messages can cover multiple shipments and multiple certificates. Information can be provided in summary fashion covering a period of time, provided it is received by the Chinese government prior to arrival of the shipment(s) in China.

Questions related to this notice should be directed to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.